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MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA

09:15 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Christine Minney (via videoconference); and Cindy Wolf (via videoconference); County Manager Mike Thomas and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

Approval of Agenda: no revisions

Public Comments (via videoconference): provided comments to the Council.

09:20 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION: Resolution Authorizing the Granting of Utility Easements at Portions of Tax Parcel Nos. 351332001000, 351392108000, and 351044001000 on San Juan Island, and 262222014000 on Orcas Island; Schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, November 9 at 9:15 (1st touch) – Christine Coray, Project Engineer

Ms. Coray presented the Resolution and answered Council’s questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to schedule a public hearing to consider a Resolution Authorizing the Granting of Utility Easements for Tuesday, November 9 at 9:15. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

06:25 AM DISCUSSION: Building Optimization Plan – Mike Thomas, County Manager

Ms. Thomas presented the Plan and answered Council’s questions. After discussion, Council agreed to move forward on contracting for a schematic design situating a detached administrative building in the current courthouse parking lot.

09:55 AM DISCUSSION: Lobbyist – Council

Council discussed the potential of hiring a lobbyist. Council concurred that the best solution to ensure advocacy is hiring a lobbyist through a regional organization (i.e. SWISS – Snohomish, Whatcom, Island, San Juan and Skagit counties).

10:15 AM DISCUSSION: 2022 Legislative Priorities – Council

Ms. Wolf proposed that green (non-carbon fuel) infrastructure is added as a priority to both the Council’s State and Federal Legislative Priorities list.

10:25 AM ADJOURN

51 Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on October 26, 2021. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, MMC Council Clerk.

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